

to destroy Al-Qaeda and its terrorist allies. We cannot avoid the thought that this attack happened because Spain offered assistance to the U.S. in fighting terrorists around the world.

I'm sure the U.S. Government will offer whatever assistance it can to help the Spanish people who are suffering and to find and arrest the savage culprits of this crime.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
WINIFRED MARY "MA" DUNCAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of my dear friend, Winifred Mary "Ma" Duncan—devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend, mentor and community activist, whose life deeply affected the lives of countless individuals, including my own.

Mrs. Duncan was an unwavering source of strength for her family, as she raised and supported seven children on her own. Armed with a strong sense of determination, faith, and inner resolve, Mrs. Duncan faced the challenges of single parenthood with grace and focus, and was a consistently loving role model for her children, and for all the children in the neighborhood.

Beyond caring for her family, Mrs. Duncan remarkably found the time and energy to volunteer within the community. In the late sixties and seventies, she served as a Council Member for the City of Valley View. During that time, she delivered Christmas and Easter baskets to families in need. Throughout the seventies and eighties, Mrs. Duncan served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Merrick House Settlement and the Tremont Free Clinic. For the past 30 years, Mrs. Duncan was an active member of the St. Augustine Parish Council, St. Augustine Hunger Council, St. Augustine Seniors, St. Vincent DePaul Society and the Cleveland Catholic Blind Community.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Mrs. Winifred Mary "Ma" Duncan. As we deeply mourn her passing, we also joyously celebrate her life. "Ma" Duncan built a foundation of love and security for her children, and for the world around her. Her sense of charity, love for others and giving nature encircled her family, encircled the neighborhood, and uplifted our entire community. I offer my deepest condolences to her children: Valerie, Charles, James, Wayne, Gerald, Kathleen and Rosemary; and to her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and to her extended family and many friends. The wondrous affect on the lives she touched is immeasurable, and "Ma" Duncan's beautiful legacy—a legacy reflecting giving, compassion and love, will live on forever within the memory and heart of everyone who knew and loved her well. The way "Ma" Duncan lived her life has given light to our community and has raised our corner of the world to a better place.

TRIBUTE TO ARMY PVT. BRYAN
NICHOLAS SPRY

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Army Pvt. Bryan Nicholas Spry, a national hero who paid the ultimate price for his country on February 14 in Baghdad, Iraq. This brave, 19-year-old soldier from Maryland's Eastern Shore, fresh out of basic training, had been in Iraq just over a month when he died.

Bryan was born in Wilmington, Delaware, and raised in Chestertown, Maryland, in Kent County on the Eastern Shore. I had the privilege of knowing him personally and found him to be a friendly, gregarious young man who loved the outdoors, baseball and the idea of being a soldier.

Mr. Speaker, on the night of February 13, Bryan attempted to drive his Humvee across a bridge which collapsed, dumping the vehicle into the water said Bryan's mother, Mrs. Beverly Couch Fabri. Three of the Humvee's passengers got out and swam to safety. But Bryan was unconscious when they pulled him out of the murky water. His lungs were filled with water. He died the next day, Valentine's Day, in a field hospital in Baghdad.

As a boy growing up on the eastern shore of the Chesapeake Bay, he idolized his older brother, Michael, a professional baseball player. Michael plays right field for the River City Rascals, a St. Louis area club that competes in the independent Frontier League. The two boys and their father often went deer hunting together. But instead of shooting the animals with a gun, Bryan preferred to shoot them with his camera. On one of those hunting excursions, when his brother was about to pull the trigger on his target, he saved the deer's life by scaring it off, his mother recalled. "After that, his brother didn't take him along [on hunts] for a very long time," Fabri said.

Mr. Speaker, I am told that both of Bryan's grandfathers fought in World War II, and growing up he loved to run in the woods, playing army with his brother and friends. As a child he decorated his bedroom with GI Joe action figures, said one his boyhood friends. Bryan attended Kent County High School where he was an outfielder on the baseball team. Twenty-one days after he graduated from high school, he made good on his dream to become a soldier, shipping off to basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia. After successfully concluding his training, he was detached to the 82nd Airborne Division's Company D, 1st Battalion, 504th Infantry, based at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

On Friday, February 20, visitation was held for Bryan at the Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home in his hometown of Chestertown. A memorial was also held that night at Mear's Great Oak Landing, a waterfront complex in Chestertown, with money raised from a silent auction and raffle to go into a fund in his name that will help military families. How fitting!

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday in the auditorium at Kent County High School in Worton. Bryan was laid to rest with full military honors at St. James United Methodist Church Cemetery, a final tribute to

a paratrooper who, colleagues said, understood the meaning of duty and sacrifice. Major Marvin Luckie, deputy division chaplain for the 82nd Airborne read from the 23rd Psalm and from the lyrics to "Taps." As the chaplain finished reading the psalm and a 21-gun salute broke the quiet, an honor guard slowly folded the flag and presented it to his weeping mother.

"In life, he honored the flag," Luckie said. "In death, the flag will honor him."

On Wednesday, February 25 paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division held a memorial service in Iraq to remember him.

Mr. Speaker, the number of fallen heroes emerging from the war in Iraq, unfortunately, continues to grow. Our brave men and women who risk their lives daily are national treasures. I ask my colleagues to join me today in commemorating one of these treasured heroes; Army Pvt. Bryan Nicholas Spry.

CONGRATULATING THE ROCH-
ESTER HIGH SCHOOL "LADY ZE-
BRAS" ON THEIR INDIANA CLASS
2A GIRLS STATE BASKETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. CHRIS CHOCOLA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CHOCOLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rochester High School Lady Zebras on their Indiana High School Athletic Association Girls Basketball Class 2A state championship.

When the final horn sounded on Saturday, March 6, at the Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, Indiana, over 9,000 fans witnessed the young women of Rochester High School's girls basketball team win their first ever state championship over Heritage Christian 51 to 40. As a team, the Lady Zebras set championship game marks for free throws made (25), free throws attempted (28) and free throw percentage (89). It was the Zebras' 14th consecutive victory. Their state championship win leaves Rochester at an impressive 25 and 2 mark for the year.

I would like to acknowledge Coach Tony Stesiek and Assistant Coaches Katie Felke, Jason Snyder, Stacy Stesiak, Andrea Milliser and Randy Wynn on an exceptional season.

On behalf of the citizens of the Second Congressional District, I would like to congratulate all of the players including seniors Lindsey Dishman, Courtney Felke, Jamie Fornal, Brooke Riddle, Aubry Roe, juniors Randall Heyde, Morgan Thomas, sophomores Ryleigh Carr, Jenna Easterday, Kendra Howard, and freshmen Lesley Cox, Cassie Greives and Bethany Sewell.

Student managers Lindsey Helstern, Ali Hunt and Stephen Williams and Athletic Training student Lindsey Bright also deserve a special congratulation.

I would also like to take a moment to recognize senior Courtney Felke. She was named the 2004 Patricia L. Roy Mental Attitude Award winner for Class 2A. At the conclusion of the girls basketball state finals, the IHSAA Executive Committee presents the award to the outstanding senior in the state finals competition. Courtney's grit and determination to win this state title began four years ago when